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DENOUNCE THEIR PARTY AND QUIT

A Grand-Stand Play of Local Moosers.

RESIGNATIONS ARE ACCEPTED

But Obnoxious Document of Party Denunciation is Quickly Rejected.

THE "PARTING OF THE WAYS"

The Ohio County Republican Executive Committee met at the court house in Hartford, Ky., at 1 o'clock p. m., Saturday, August 31, 1912, pursuant to the call of the County Chairman, R. B. Martin, and also the call of the State Central Committee, to carry out the resolution passed by the Republican State Central Committee at a meeting of the said committee held in Louisville, Ky., on August 7, 1912. Chairman Martin then stated the purpose of the meeting and read the resolution of the State Central Committee. Mr. J. Ney Foster, ex-secretary of the committee, then read a document, purporting to be the resignation of 18 members of the County Committee, which document was a denunciation of the Republican party. The committee then voted to accept the resignation of the members, but unanimously voted to reject the denunciation which Mr. Foster read as the reason of the members resigning. Committee then went into executive session, filled the vacancies caused by the resignation of the members, elected E. P. Taylor Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Foster, perfected an organization and adjourned.

The following is a copy of the objectionable resolution:

"The undersigned members of the Ohio County Republican Executive Committee hereby tender our resignations as members of the said committee, to take effect at once.

"Our reasons for this action we desire to state briefly. Having been Republicans all of our lives, we have stood for a free ballot and a fair count, and we have understood this to be one of the fundamental principles of the old Republican party and together we have denounced election frauds and crimes against the ballot, in season and out of season, and we have never failed to bow to the will of the majority whenever expressed in a fair and honorable manner.

"We denounce the nomination of William H. Taft at Chicago as fraudulent and brought about only by the most high-handed and brazen suppression of the voice of the people known in the annals of history, in this or any other country. It was more than a settling aside of the expressed will of the people. It was a rape of the principles of self-government and with thousands of other Republicans as good as ever drew the breath of life, we decline to support Mr. Taft in his stolen nomination and shall give our support to Roosevelt and Johnson and the Progressive platform adopted at the Chicago convention beginning August 6.

"Not only is Mr. Taft not the nominee of the Republican party, as was shown wherever the people had the right to express their choice, from Maine to California, but the present national organization and the Kentucky State organization are fraudulent and are not the choice of the people. Had the Republican voters of Kentucky been allowed to express their preferences in a primary election, Mr. Taft would not have carried a single congressional district, and Mr. McCulloch would not be a national committeeman, nor Mr. Franks State chairman. In other words, had the voters been given a chance, their pictures would have been turned to the wall.

Much as we regret to part company with the party name, which we have so long followed, yet we realize there is nothing in a name, but there is everything in honesty and true principle, and on every hand we are consoled by the fact that we touch elbows with com-

rades and friends who have been keeping step with us for years in county, State and national campaigns, and who with us will not follow the mere party name when it falls into the hands of corrupt and dishonest men, who care neither for principles nor the right of the people to have a voice in the making of their platforms or the selection of their nominees.

"A few years ago we denounced the nomination of William Goebel by the Democrats of Kentucky, and praised those of that party who would not stand for his nomination. We will be consistent and not follow a nomination which is much worse than the Goebel nomination, as the number of States participating in it exceed Kentucky.

(Signed)
"J. Ney Foster, East Hartford Precinct, Secretary.
"S. T. Barnett, West Hartford.
"D. E. Ward, Buda Precinct.
"U. S. Condit, Hefflin Precinct.
"J. C. Hill, Smallhouse Precinct.
"William Hamilton, McHenry Precinct.
"H. B. Bowen, South Rockport Precinct.
"Henry Woodburn, North Rockport Precinct.
"Claude Hudson, Buford Precinct.
"James Carter, Narrows Precinct.
"C. E. Raley, Aossine Precinct.
"Chas. W. DeWeese, Horse Branch Precinct.
"John D. Johnson, Sulphur Springs Precinct.
"D. W. Gwynn, Render Precinct.
"L. M. Smith, Cool Springs Precinct.
"C. C. Dennis, Prentiss Precinct.
"W. C. Blankenship, East Beaver Dam Precinct.
"W. D. Midkiff, Magan Precinct."

POOLERS' MASS MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER

To the poolers of the Green River Tobacco Growers' Association: At the request of the board of control and a large number of farmers, we hereby call a mass convention of the poolers of the Green River Tobacco Growers' Association, to meet in Owensboro on Saturday, September 7, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of laying plans for the future work of the association.

Any man who pools his tobacco with the association has an equal voice in this meeting. Therefore we insist that every farmer who is interested in being represented in the sale and delivery of his tobacco be present.

(Signed) W. G. RINEY, Pres.
WALTER ATHERTON, Sec'y.

MAILS INSTRUCTIONS TO 2,500 POSTMASTERS

Washington, Aug. 31.—Postmaster General Hitchcock forwarded today to 2,500 postmasters in city post-offices of the first and second class, detailed instructions regarding the handling of Sunday mail under the law recently enacted by Congress providing that post-offices be closed on Sunday.

Instructions to these postmasters are calculated to reach post-offices affected by the law in time to be executed to-morrow. They will enable newspaper offices, news dealers and hotels to obtain their Sunday mail, which is to be regarded as "transit mail."

The plan of the department, as provided in the instructions, also will make it possible for persons expecting mail of exceptional importance to obtain it in emergency cases on Sunday by making application to the postmaster. Adequate provision will be made for the prompt delivery of all mail sent under special delivery stamps.

Coal Mines Saved From Fire.

The prompt action of the employees at Lee Rudy's coal mine, located about four miles west of Owensboro, probably saved the mines from a total destruction by fire about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The fire started near the boiler, causing the woodwork above the machinery to become ignited, and for a time things looked very dangerous. A bucket brigade was formed, and the flames were soon extinguished, after a loss of about \$25.

Announcement was made by Postmaster General Hitchcock that by January 1 next the department will be ready to put in operation the parcel's post system, which, it is estimated, will extend over more than 1,000,000 miles of territory.

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SLAYS WIFE AND ENDS OWN LIFE

Husband Attacks His Mate With Hatchet.

A TRAGEDY AT CENTRAL CITY

Had Been Married Only Six Months—Result of Marital Differences.

FRIGHTFUL MODE OF SUICIDE

Central City, Ky., Aug. 31.—John Butsinger, a tailor, who this morning attacked his wife while she was in consultation with an attorney regarding a suit for divorce and killed her, died to-night of burns which he suffered by saturating his clothing and his shop with gasoline and then applying a match.

Butsinger died in the courthouse yard where he was carried after he had been pulled from the blazing building in which he had his shop. He suffered terrible agony, for the skin on his hands and body hung in shreds. His head was swollen twice its normal size.

Burial of the tailor will be in Central City, while his slain wife will be buried at Leitchfield to-morrow.

The double Central City tragedy was the result of marital differences, which arose between Butsinger and his wife, although they had been married but six months. Three months after the wedding, husband and wife separated after a series of quarrels, the wife renting a house which she occupied with her mother. Butsinger had importuned his wife to return to him, but she turned a deaf ear to his appeals, asserting that it was impossible for them to agree.

Thirty minutes before Mrs. Butsinger was killed she talked to neighbors while on her way to the office of Attorney James Stroud and told them that her husband told her that she would belong to him, dead or alive, but that she thought differently. However, she appealed to the Chief of Police.

Mrs. Butsinger was sitting in the office of the attorney when her husband entered, carrying a keen-edged hatchet. He struck her twice on the head, the first stroke cutting off her right ear, and the second penetrating the skull.

Attorney Stroud fought the enraged man, and broke several chairs over his head. Then Butsinger turned on the lawyer with the hatchet, and the latter fled, with Butsinger pursuing him.

Rushing through the principal street, flourishing his bloody hatchet, Butsinger dashed into his shop in the rear of the C. H. Blandford insurance building, crashing through the glass window pane. He tied a rope around his neck and attempted to choke himself to death. Failing in this, he poured gasoline over his clothing and his shop, and then applied a match and the building was a mass of flames.

Butsinger was forty years old and left Germany seven years ago. He came here from Louisville. Mrs. Butsinger was Miss Mary Nettle Sapp, and formerly lived in Leitchfield. She was thirty-nine years old.

SAM HOUSTON'S WIDOW IS DYING OF NEGLECT

Lawton, Okla., Aug. 31.—Deserted and an outcast from her tribesmen, Melissa Houston, a full-blooded Kiowa, once the handsome and popular Indian wife of General Sam Houston, first President of Texas, has been left alone to die of hunger and neglect in her weather-beaten tepee, three miles from Anadarko.

According to best authority, Mrs. Houston is 115 years old. She is toothless, blind and a pitiable sight as she sits in her lonesome tepee.

It has long been a custom of the Kiowa and Comanche Indians to abandon their old men and women to fate and allow them to die by degrees. Melissa Houston has not escaped the common fate.

For the first time in years, a merchant vessel, flying the American flag, is about to sail from New York to a Mediterranean port.

LAW'S PENALTY PAID BY MIRACLE

Bell County Murderer is Electrocuted.

COMMITTED AN AWFUL CRIME

Slew Matthew Jones and Mrs. Dulcie Partin Year Ago In Cold Blood.

AFFIRMED BY HIGHER COURT

Eddyville, Ky., Aug. 30.—Electricity legally snapped out the life of Cal Miracle, the Bell county murderer, at sunrise this morning, who paid the death penalty for the murder of a man and woman in Bell county about one year ago. The execution had no extraordinary features. It was in charge of Warden Hagerman, Electrician C. E. Collins and Capt. Jim Black.

The crime for which Miracle paid the life penalty was one of the worst in the criminal annals of Bell county. On a quiet Sunday afternoon in August of last year, he went to the home of Matthew Jones, on Goodin branch, a neighbor, and without provocation shot him to death. His thirst for gore not having yet been satisfied, he then shot, in cold blood, a helpless woman—Mrs. Dulcie Partin, whom he met in the road, after leaving Jones' home.

After killing these persons, Miracle went to his home, told his family what he had done, bade them good-bye and left. For several weeks after the crime it was believed that Miracle was hiding out in the mountains near his home, and his family was kept under surveillance, but no trace of him could be found. Many believed that he had made good his escape.

On Tuesday, November 28, a telegram was received by Sheriff Van Bever, of Bell county, from the Chief of Police of Birmingham, Ala., stating that he had Miracle under arrest. Doubt as to the right man being in custody was dispelled when later a message was received from J. L. Givens, formerly of Middleboro, who knew Miracle, stating that the double murderer had been arrested. Later news brought the fact that Miracle, while in the depot at Birmingham buying a ticket for a point farther South, was recognized by Givens, who secured his arrest.

Sheriff Van Bever went to Birmingham and brought his prisoner to Pineville. Miracle was tried at the December term of court, which was in session, he having previously been indicted, for the murder of Mrs. Dulcie Partin; and the jury after being out only a few minutes, returned a verdict fixing Miracle's punishment at death.

Judge Davis set March 20 of this year as the date of his execution, but granted a stay of sixty days to enable his attorneys to carry the case to the Court of Appeals, which was done. The higher court affirmed the judgment of the lower court and Gov. McCreary named August 30 as the day of execution.

Miracle was taken to Eddyville immediately after sentence was passed on him in the local court.

Shot From Ambush.

Hyden, Ky., Aug. 31.—David T. Lewis, a prominent merchant of Tracefork, Leslie county, was shot and killed from ambush. John Pay, Jr., was arrested and placed in the Hyden jail, charged with the crime. Lewis was a prosperous merchant, but was involved in a number of lawsuits with his customers.

MYSTERY IN REGARD TO LIQUOR BILL CLEARED

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 31.—The misunderstanding over the Frost whiskey act, the wording of which was said to have been changed, has been cleared up, and it is learned that no one is at fault, but that the changed purpose of the bill was the result of the author's wishes.

The Senate Journal of March 5 shows that the bill was called up that day for passage and that Senator Frost offered an amendment to strike out the words "or delivery to another" in line two of section one, and by adding to section

three the words: "Provided, however, that the provision of this act shall not apply to such liquors prescribed on prescription from a regular practicing physician." The amendments were adopted.

In previous dispatches it was not intended that any reflection should be made upon the chief enrolling clerk of the Senate. In fact, several enrolling clerks were employed at the close of the session. However, it is now shown that none of these clerks made the mistake which was charged by the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League here last week.

In a dispatch from Frankfort on Thursday in which it was stated that the bill had been mutilated, the purpose was to show that the chief enrolling clerk was not at fault. This purpose may have been clouded at the time.

NO TRUTH WHATEVER IN "EXTRA SESSION" TALK

Frankfort, Ky., Aug. 31.—When asked about the probability of the calling of an extra session of the Legislature on account of the financial condition of the State, Gov. McCreary simply said: "I have not considered the matter at all."

Auditor Henry Bosworth said: "I have not discussed the matter of an extra session with any one and the Governor has not advised with me about it in any way, so that the rumor that I have conferred about it with any one is absolutely without foundation."

Secretary of State S. F. Crocull said: "I know nothing about the matter, and therefore have nothing to say."

The condition of the State treasury has been known to all public men for months, and the present deficit was made certain last December, when the Republican administration paid off over a million dollars of debts that had been accumulating for four years and paid it out of the revenue of 1911.

BOY CARRIED 2,000 FEET IN AIR FALLS TO DEATH

Flint, Mich., Aug. 31.—In the presence of hundreds of people, 14-year-old Chester Betts, son of Bert N. Betts, of Flint, was accidentally caught by the guy rope of a balloon to-day and carried about 2,000 feet in the air before the rope untangled and hurled him to his death. He crashed against the roof of a barn and was still alive when spectators reached him, but he soon expired.

The tragedy occurred at a county fair, and when the balloon and aeronaut shot upwards, many people thought the youth dangling at the end of a rope was a dummy. The heroic efforts of the balloonist to rescue the boy soon disclosed the truth to the crowd below. As the big gas bag went higher and higher, the aeronaut, in peril of his own safety, could be seen working desperately to pull the dangling form to the trapeze. Finally the rope swirled away from the lad and the tiny form dropped downward like a stone.

PITIFUL KILLING OF ONE CHILD BY ANOTHER

Columbus, O., Aug. 30.—While playing in the house alone, Grace Armstrong, 4 years old, was shot and killed here by her brother Lawrence, 6 years old. Following the shooting, which was done with a shotgun the children found behind a dresser, the brother ran away.

The mother was in the back yard, when she heard the report of the gun. She found her little daughter dead on the floor. The shotgun had been placed behind the dresser because of the many recent burglar scares in the vicinity of the Armstrong home.

Several hours after the shooting the little brother was found hiding in the weeds in a vacant lot about a block away from his home. He was so scared that he could hardly tell the story of the shooting, and broke down and cried in his mother's arms when taken home.

Important if True.

Ex-Congressman Watson, in a speech before the Republican Convention of Indiana, said: "We asked Roosevelt at the Chicago convention, in the interest of harmony, to agree to the nomination of another man, and he refused, and issued instructions to his followers to vote for no candidate but himself."

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OLD SUBJECT, YET EVER NEW

In Its Application to High Cost of Living.

FARMER ALWAYS BEARS BRUNT

Of High Tariff, While He Pays Increased Prices for Necessaries.

GOV. WILSON'S CLEAR REASONS

(By C. H. Tavenner.)
Washington, Aug. 31.—Governor Wilson has indicated in the speeches he has made thus far in the campaign that he attaches a great deal of importance to the question of the tariff as it affects farmers. The Democratic candidate put this whole question into a nutshell when he said:

"The farmer does not derive any benefits from the tariff when he goes to market to sell his products, but on everything the farmer buys there is an artificially high price due to the tariff tax."

High protectionists in Congress have for many years deceived the farmer into believing that because a tariff is kept on wheat and corn, the farmer is necessarily benefited thereby. That this is false logic, is apparent to any student of American import and export statistics. This country produces more wheat and corn than the American people consume, which obviously makes it impossible for any country of Europe to sell wheat or corn here. Europe, which is the great market for surplus American grain, uses all the grain produced there for home consumption, and in addition, the European countries have to send over here for more.

If there were no tariff on grain, therefore, the American farmer would not be menaced by the possibility of foreign competition, for the reason that foreigners have no grain to sell.

But the situation is vastly different with the farmer when he comes to buy the tools, machinery, clothing and other necessities of life. He finds every article that he uses in producing his crops taxed higher and higher, until, as Gov. Wilson says, "It is getting to be next to impossible for the American farmer to make a legitimate profit." The farmer's implements, his smaller tools, wagons, household articles, clothing, lumber and harvesting machinery have steadily risen in price.

That this rise in prices has been due to artificial causes is proven by the fact that the identical articles used by the American farmer are sold abroad at from 25 to 40 per cent less. B. D. Townsend, in his report to President Roosevelt on the Harvester Trust, reported that the same harvesting machines that were made by the trust in Chicago, and sold to the American farmer for \$125, are sold in Russia for \$80 and \$90. Nothing but the tariff thus enables the trust to rob the American farmer, because, if it were not for the tariff, the danger of competition from Canada would force the American trust to sell its machines for one price to all.

Gov. Wilson has shown a deep grasp of the tariff question as it affects farmers, and it is certain that before the campaign is much older, he will have some illuminating things to say to the farmer on this vital subject.

Death of Rev. L. H. Voyles.

The Fordville Argonaut of Wednesday says:

Last Friday night at 11 o'clock the angel of death visited the home of Rev. L. H. Voyles and took him to his home beyond the skies. Bro. Voyles was a sufferer from that dread disease, consumption, for several years but had only been confined to his room for a few months. He had been preaching the gospel for a number of years.

He belonged to the Baptist church and was about 65 years of age. He leaves a wife and several children and a host of friends to mourn his death.

Jim Floyd, a prisoner in the Tennessee penitentiary, while dying, confessed that opium is being smuggled into the penitentiary and sold.